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1. Pilots' School No. 7 of the Czechoslovak Air Force is located about 1.5 kilometers northeast of Hradec Kralove (O 51/G 71) and about 700 meters east of the highway from Hradec Kralove to Josefov (O 51/G 82). The school is subordinate to the Training Section of the Air Force Inspectorate of the Ministry of National Defense and belongs to the Hradec Kralove Military Sector of the First (Prague) Military District. Its function is to train the young pilots of the Czechoslovak Air Force.

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3. The school is divided into four groups for training purposes, with a total of about 80 men. The administrative staff has 13 officers; ground crew personnel number about 350 men; and there are four training companies of from 60 to 80 men each. Thus, the total strength of the school is 600 to 650 men, with about 150 officers, about 350 non-coms and about 150 privates.

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4. Training is done with Soviet [] fighter and observation aircraft. The school has 18 aircraft in all, including the following:

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- a. 8 propeller-driven aircraft of various types, including ME-109's, Spitfires, Arados and Yaka.
- b. 8 observation aircraft of Soviet type P-2, built in 1941 and 1943, propeller-driven.
- c. 1 Ju-88 transport (sic) aircraft.
- d. 1 Fieseler-Storch aircraft.
- e. There are also 12 stripped aircraft without motors for training purposes.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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5. Two types of radar equipment, one American and the other Russian, are used in training. The radar apparatus is built into the underside of the aircraft's fuselage and it is alleged that large concentrations of troops or vehicles outside of cities can be detected with them.
6. The school's airfield is about 600 x 1,700 m. in size and is located immediately adjoining the northeastern part of the barracks area. It has two concrete runways, both of which are from 40 to 50 meters wide and one of which is about 1,500 meters long while the other is about 1,700 meters long. One of them runs southwest and northeast, the other east and west. The prevailing wind direction is southwest, and the field can be approached by aircraft from any direction.
7. Up to within 500 meters of the edge of the city the area consists of open grassy country, where light and slow-flying aircraft can also land easily.
8. The runways are only concreted in front of the hangars. The airfield and the runways are illuminated, and the edges of the runways are indicated by neon lights. Lights indicating obstacles are located on the fence around the airfield, on all barracks buildings of the school of two or more stories, on a factory chimney 1.5 kilometers from the field and on the church towers in the city. Blind flying, night flying and flying in bad weather are made possible by the presence of a radar and direction-finding station.
9. The ammunition depot is located in the basement of the weapons repair shop. It contains only aircraft weapon and hand weapon ammunition, in belts and boxed. Weapons are stored in the same building.
10. The fuel dump consists of two underground steel tanks about two meters deep capable of holding a total of 70,000 liters.
11. The school is connected with the Hradec Kralove-Josefov highway by an asphalt road about six meters wide and 400 meters long. The field does not have its own railroad siding.
12. The airfield and barracks area are guarded by a guard detachment assigned each 24 hours from among the ground personnel. The guard detachment consists of one officer, one non-com and 10 privates. Only the entrance to the school is guarded by a sentry during the day, but at night a double guard watches the airfield area.

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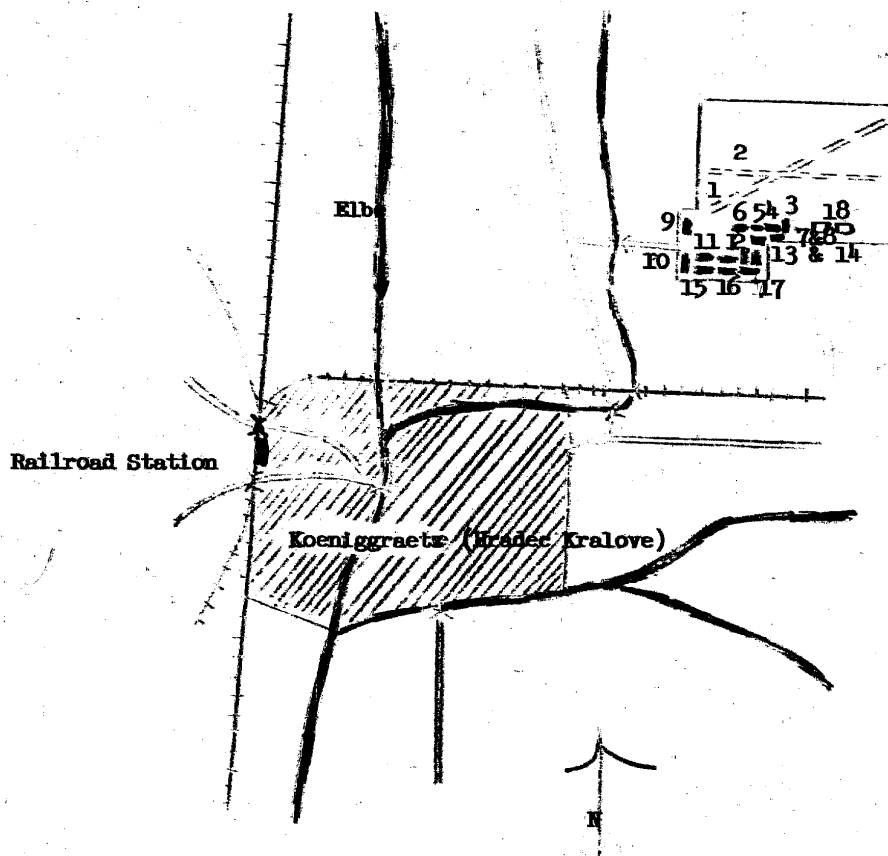
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Sketch of Hradec Kralove Airfield and Pilots' School No. 7Legend:

- 1 and 2. Runways
- 3. Administrative building with tower; radar, direction-finding and radio apparatus
- 4, 5 and 6. Hangars; brick buildings with metal roofs
- 7. Motor repair shops
- 8. Weapon repair shops
- 9 and 10. Two-story living quarters for troops; brick buildings
- 11 and 12. One-story living quarters; brick building
- 13. Mess and enlisted men's canteen
- 14. Instruction rooms
- 15. Lecture hall and movie theater; Officers' Club on the second floor
- 16. Officers' homes and officers' mess
- 17. Garage
- 18. Underground fuel dump



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